

Kansas Jan 8th 1867

My dear Doctor

I owe you an apology for not sending those Potamogetons sooner. I found nothing remarkable among my specimens; never had you'd made attention to them — though at one time I tried to fit them.

I would have overlooked that broad rounded leaved specimen entirely if you had not directed my especial attention to it. It is peculiar to the small ponds and sinkholes, as they are called here, on our hilly country. I find a flower less specimen from the region where Richl lived and one with fruit from nearer town. The same could be easily collected again, I suppose (though improvements have destroyed many of those ponds), if it should prove a distinct species. I had always taken it for *P. natans*, var *stagnalis*.



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Please retain what I send, or throw away what is not worth keeping.

I also send you some Issotles, which I suppose will interest you.

The labels you find in this letter, the specimens are in the order of the numbers, beginning with a Texan Pot. natans (or leaves ?) ending with H. Issotles laevigatum.

Moreover you find a small pencil number in the corner of each piece of paper on which the specimen is laid to which the number follows, beginning the wrong way, with 16. Issotles I end with 1. Botanogist.

M. Riehl was a very zealous botanist and cultivator 10 miles from here, where he collected many plants & sent them to Colmar, Alsace (a formerly german province of France) where they were named and distributed subscribers. he died some 12 years ago.

Watch those singular capillary leaves. What I have not found out yet is whether every tree I mention has such leaves, or only in your swift streams. More about it another time, too much waste now

give with names of these yours truly J. Gagnier
Botanogist.



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Dr. Bailey's package
is also enclosed
All to be named
and the names
forwarded.



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